

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

La Belle Virginianne.

Fair daughter of this proud Dominion's golden, What stranger says not tribute to her grace, and beauty? These clear exponents here of virtue's golden, So brightly gleaming on the roll of duty?

The charm of moral loveliness abiding, Dear mother Nature's handiwork entire, Both grace her like the radiance of the morning With an aurore divinely bright.

Her fair form is like evening's light; Where'er she enters moves in every palace; Her white hands gladden in numberless right; Her voice and smile beatitudes of solace.

We bless her for the kindly thoughts discerning That strengthen a heart with need of welcome greeting.

Of social converse so beguilingly gushing Ever recurring, like one strain repeating She wrenches away by her native grace Of speech and manner, feature, form and motion;

By all her cultured language embraces,

In ministry, in pleasure or devotion.

Not only these gifts, praise and honor,

But countless courageous deeds become with glory.

By many a deed and word immortal we have The heroine of world and song and story.

Her fair form no man can match in beauty.

Her sublime delineations of the human With all its nobility and grace are unsurpassed.

Through many trials and tumultuous vicissitudes,

She holds her now peaceful with defiance.

Through God and her own self reliance,

Braving the tempests of life and fortune.

All honor to the brave and loyal hearted

Virginia who, like her, loves the honored Full Mantle crown her purpose, her discerning.

Having been well educated has in the widow's

guidance.

Through all vicissitudes her lot befalling.

Her strength of mind, her fortitude and courage

She holds her still, with dauntless spirit resolute.

Strive on, dear, through many a weary day,

And let us all be with you.

Glory to you, La Belle Virginianne.

Unidentified.

Like the ardent sons of the summer sun.

When the morning glories fade away,

Her childhood hours were bright with flowers,

But, oh, the loss of life in early years gone.

Like the crystal fountains that burst forth from the sides

Of the rocks, when the sun is at its zenith,

All the charm of nature in a single stream,

Ends soon in the ocean.

What better life friends when the shadows

Pass.

Woman bows in her earthly parents

Are destined to turn on her pale features

To a scene like death's own.

MARSHAM, VA. V. D. P.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER FORECASTERS. Sept. 6, 1879.

For the Mid-Atlantic States, mostly thunders by clearing weather and scudding winds, recurring to colder northwardly, rising temperature,

Horses and mules—A. W. Hards, a. Chas. Ballenger, W. C. Harrel,

Cattle—Sam'l Johnson, B. Caldwell and Fred. Meader.

Sheep—Adam Morris, Wm. Fletcher and M. Schuler.

Swine—W. W. Weston and John H. Bassett.

Poultry and Birds—W. H. Colquitt, R. C. Powell and Michael Hart.

Farm Products—J. H. Clark, C. G. Langford and S. H. Shewell.

Domestic Products—Chas. Ballenger, Mrs. Benj' Batten and Mrs. L. Mason.

Fabric and Ornamental Work—D. M. French, Miss N. M. Clark and Mrs. M. Sabin.

Young People's Department—F. E. Corbett, G. F. Steiner and Mrs. J. L. D. Smart.

Home Manufactures—H. H. Dwyer, F. Peff and Wm. Samuels.

Implement—H. H. Dwyer, H. H. Peff, E. E. M. M. and F. H. Peff.

Fine Arts—H. H. Peff and G. F. French.

Miscellaneous Articles—Joseph Hopkins, Wm. Cogen and Wm. H. Hulph.

The grading of the new track will be completed to day. The curve has been increased to 40 feet.

Comfortable seats have been erected against the north side of the main building, where ample accommodations are provided for seeing the races.

A ladies' reception room has been built at the west end of the building, adjoining the main entrance.

A building for refreshments has also been built in the open space enclosed by the track.

All the available space in the main building has been taken up, but principally by Washigton and Baltimore men, some of them taking several divisions. There are only sixteen Alexandria exhibitors so far this year, against forty-one last year. Many of the branches of trade are fairly represented, notably the jewelry, furniture and lace stores, while the dry goods, shoe, drug, clothing, millinery and other businesses are sparsely represented.

Evidently our merchants and tradesmen are not fully awakened to the importance of the fair, as evidenced by the material interests of the city.

The fire departments are making preparations for their parade during the fair. It is understood that Chief Engineer Landbecker will command the department on that occasion. A meeting will be held at the Hall of Freshman House to night to perfect arrangements for the parade.

A meeting of the directory will be held at the Commercial Exchange to night to-morrow morning, for the purpose of completing the arrangements for the fair.

RIVER ITEMS.—The steamer Lady of the Lake, or the Natchez, was detained at this city about three hours on Saturday night by the blowing out of some packing in her boiler.

The steamer Mattie is to be a portion of her machinery between Washington and this city yesterday morning, and had to run to Goldsboro and repair damages. See letter for the lower river at 11 a. m., three hours later.

A yacht consisting of a party of Washingtonians was captured by Agnew's yacht yesterday. The occupants were rescued without damage.

A boy left overboard at King's river dock about two o'clock, yesterday evening. He was recovered by the bystanders.

HIGHMID.—On Friday evening a quarrel ensued over a fine mare, near Springfield, in Fairfax county, between Thomas O'Connor and a Mr. Reed. In the course of the dispute O'Connor struck Reed on the head with a pick axe, killing him instantly. Although a number of persons were present O'Connor was allowed to escape, and has not yet been apprehended.

DEATH OF A MINISTER.—Rev. John George Whipple, co-minister of the M. P. Church, died at his home, near Fulford, Halifax county, N. C., a few days ago. He was a native of this State, and had many friends and acquaintances in this city who will regret to learn of his death.

SOCIETY ITEM.

The Washington Tuesday Herald says:

"Thursday evening last, at the residence of Senator R. E. Withers, Wytheville, Va., a most charming party was given. The entertainment was given in honor of Miss Minnie Smoot, a young debutante of Alexandria. Miss Smoot, who is said to be a beautiful blonde of the Italian type, was dressed in white satin with pearl and diamond ornaments. Among the young ladies present were Miss Withers, Miss Seeg Withers, Miss Mary Smart, and Miss Parish. The party was very elegant, which was due mainly to the efforts of the hostess who most gracefully performed her part."

POLICE ITEMS.—The following cases have been tried by the Mayor since Saturday:

Lulu Craig colored, arrested on the charge of stealing a watch from an old colored woman at West End, was committed to await the action of the Fairfax County authorities.

Hiram Page, colored, for bad conduct and resistance to officer, was fined and discharged.

Charles E. Burch, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

A number of boys were reported for defacing windows on King street.

THE ILLEGITIMES.—The case of the former accused of running an illicit distillery in Washington was again taken up on Saturday before United States Commissioner Plant. All the parties were sent on for the action of the grand jury, bill being fixed at \$2,000. Young and Dyer succeeded in raising the amount and were released. Burke and Brooks could not furnish bail, and were committed to jail. O'Brien, one of the parties, in whose case a bill was filed, turned State's evidence and received the whole workings of the establishment.

ANALYST MINING NEWS.—A son of Captain Peter Nose, of the boat Robert Sander, his overboard, near Hancock, on Saturday and was drowned. The body had not been recovered Saturday evening.

A meeting of alders is to be held at Louisville on Wednesday, to consider the matter of wages.

No coal was shipped from Cumberland on Saturday.

ACCIDENT TO THE LONG BRIDGE.—A shower, bound down from Georgetown, ran into the Virginia draw of the Long Bridge, on Sunday evening, and damaged it so as to delay travel for several hours. The injuries have been temporarily repaired and travelers are running as usual. Vehicles cannot pass for a day or two. The road had her jibboom and two carts cut off.

THIEVES.—Much complaint is made to the northern part of Alexandria county of the depredations of the fruit thieves. The farm and orchard owners are never sure on arising in the morning that they have any fruit until after a general inspection. Even the model and the Agricultural Garden in Washington have been robbed.

YESTERDAY.—The congregations at the various church services were good, owing to the pleasant weather and partly to its being the anniversary of the Armistice of the Civil War.

GENERAL STOCK.—The following information was given to the reporter by a partially reliable gentleman, and was deemed to be correct:

BUSINESS PEARS.—From Mr. F. M. Mills, who is in his a little north of the city, to Alexandria, we have received a sample of Dishes Pears, just now in condition for serving or peeling. They are very fine and will be delivered in any quantity wanted by Mr. M.

HIP DISLOCATED.—Mr. Horatio Johnson, of Alexandria county, while crossing the Long Bridge on Saturday evening, about the time of the accident to that structure, was thrown from his horse and had his hip dislocated. He was taken home, and the necessary surgical aid was summoned.

BAILEY.—John S. Acton, who has been confined in the Pittsburg jail for several weeks, on the charge of murdering John A. Dixon, has been admitted to bail by Judge Great.

LOST RECEIPT.

The Alexandria Game Protective Association meets to-night.

There was a heavy rain about one o'clock this morning accompanied by lightning and thunder.

A chimney on south Washington street caught fire yesterday morning, but was extinguished without giving an alarm.

Mrs. J. M. Hill & Co. will issue a daily sheet to be known as the "Fair Program" during the coming Fair. See their advertisement.

CONFEDERATE SOLDIER.

TOO MANY.—The San Francisco Journal of Commerce says that one chief cause of the discontent and disorder existing in that city is the disproportionately large population centered in the metropolis of northern Virginia, when the lighting struck the ground beneath their feet" told to such an extent. Hood says up a file concerning the news of the United States in 1861 for the South, might as well as the by the side of Hood and his Texans in the army of northern Virginia, when the lightning struck the ground beneath their feet" told to such an extent. Hood says up a file concerning the news of the United States in 1861 for the South, might as well as the by the side of Hood and his Texans in the army of northern Virginia, when the lightning struck the ground beneath their feet" told to such an extent. 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